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Nature of instruction given in the Training College, Rajahmundry.

* 1901 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether at the time of the re-establishment of the Training College at Rajahmundry the Government undertook to institute and work the same on the same lines as the Teachers' College, Saidapet ;

(*b*) whether in the matter of departments of instruction the said policy has been worked out ; and

(*c*) whether the branches of instruction in Geography, Natural Science, Kindergarten have been opened in the Rajahmundry Training College, and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) The idea was that the Training College, Rajahmundry, should be run almost on the same lines as the Teachers' College at Saidapet.

(*b*) The Teachers' College, Saidapet, provides for special lectures in a larger number of subjects than the Training College at Rajahmundry.

(*c*) There is no provision at present for special lectures in the three subjects referred to in the Training College, Rajahmundry. It is proposed to provide for such lectures in Geography in the College from the next academic year. The question of providing for the other subjects will be examined.

Proposed reduction of grants for the purchase of scientific instruments.

* 1902 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATHI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under contemplation the reduction of grants for the purchase of scientific appliances from two-thirds to half and how they propose to utilize the savings thus effected ;

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has called for opinions on the matter from the Headmasters of schools ;

(*c*) if so, what replies have been received ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that educational guilds and organizations have been urging on the Government for enhancement of the grant ; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to finally and fully revise the Grant-in-aid Code or whether they propose to revise it piecemeal ?

A.—(*a*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) Managements of a few aided institutions were consulted on the matter. Some of these have replied. They are generally against the proposal.

(*d*) Certain teachers' guilds have also made representations to Government on this matter.

(*e*) The general question of revising the system of grants to secondary schools is under consideration.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased not to pass any order till the general revision of the Grant-in-aid is taken up ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No action will be taken in the meantime."